

**SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION
LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**2005-2006 ADDITIONAL SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING
16 FEBRUARY 2006
EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO**

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome 2: Higher productivity, higher pay workplace

Output Group 2.1: Workplace relations policy advice and analysis

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Question Number: W717-06

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Senator Wong asked in writing:

The discussion paper issued by the Award Review Taskforce on 20 December 2005 states that there are 4053 awards applying across the country - 2251 federal awards and 1802 state awards. (Award rationalisation discussion paper, para 2.1). Of this data, **a)** How many awards apply on average per workplace in Australia (not interested in mathematical calculation, after an accurate reflection of reality)? **b)** Of the 2251 federal awards how many are s170MX awards? **c)** How many are (old) IR agreements? **d)** How many are single issue awards? **e)** How many are enterprise awards?

Answer:

- a) The Taskforce has commissioned an award relevance study which will, among other issues, examine the application of awards in Australian workplaces. The results of that study will assist the Taskforce in its work.
- b) There are 577 s.170MX awards.
- c) There are 7 agreements made pursuant to s.28 of the *Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904*. There are also 4 agreements certified under s.115 of the Industrial Relations Act 1988 listed in the Australian Industry Registry. However s.115 agreements were not reviewed by the AIRC as part of the award simplification process because they were deemed to have ceased operation on their expiry date.
- d) There are 198 single issue awards.
- e) There are 908 enterprise awards.